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SUBJ: HIGH TEMPERATURE INSTITUTE PRESS VISIT

1. FOUR RESIDENT U.S. CORRESPONDENTS ACTING AS POOL FOR COLLEAGUES GIVEN THOROUGH THREE-HOUR TOUR OF INSTITUTE OF HIGH TEMPERATURES MARCH 27 IN COMPANY OF SCIENCE COUSELOR AND U.S. DELEGATION HEAD JACKSON. VISIT ARRANGED ON ONE-DAY NOTICE AT EMBASSY-DELEGATION REQUEST. CORRESPONDENTS WERE PETER GALL OF MCGRAW HILL, ELIZABETH POND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, ROBERT TOTH OF LOS ANGELES TIMES AND JOHN SHAW OF TIME.

2. EMBASSY SEES POSITIVE VALUE IN PUBLICIZING JOINT ACTIVITY IN PROMISING ENERGY FIELD AND PROMOTING PRESS ACCESS TO SUBSTANTIVE STORIES ON SOVIET WORKING SITES.

3. FOR BACKGROUND: THE TWO-YEAR OLD COOPERATION IS ON DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL SCALE, OPEN CYCLE MHD POWER PLANTS. INSTITUTE HOUSES THE U-EXPERIMENTAL PLANT WHICH HAS JUST A WEEK AGO OPERATED FOR OVER 30 MINUTES AT ONE-HALF POWER LEVEL AT WHICH IT IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE: 25 MEGAWATTS OR 25,000 KILOWATTS. THIS VISIT IS NINTH BY DR. JACKSON TO

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USSR IN CONJUNCTION WITH MHD PROJECT. ACADEMICIAN SHEYNDLIN

EXTIMATES PRESENT OVERALL USSR LEAD TO BE FIVE YEARS AHEAD
OF US, WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS FOCUSED MORE ON ATOMIC POWER
GENERATORS. ACCORDING TO SOVIETS 25-50 PER CENT SAVINGS
IN FOSSIL FUEL AND 50 TO 150 PER CENT SAVING IN COOLING
WATER MAKES INVESTMENT LOOK ATTRAVTIVE IN THIS FIELD.
\$4. JACKSON ASSOCIATED WITH ERDA, NEWLY CHARGED WITH
ESTABLISHING PRIORITY BALANCE AMONG VARIOUS ENERGY R&D
APPROACHES.
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